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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5912

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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION ALLOTMENT

1. POST BUDGETED \$7400 FOR FY-74 REPRESENTATION NEEDS. DEPARTMENT ALLOTTED \$4900 OF WHICH ONLY \$2500 FOR FIRST HALF. OF THIS AMOUNT LITTLE MORE THAN \$500 REMAINS.

2. DEPARTURE OF AMBASSADOR NEUMANN, DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS, NATURALLY OCCASIONED STEPPED UP ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER. DEPARTURE EVENTS WILL OF COURSE HAVE TO BE DUPLICATED BY AMBASSADOR ELIOT AS HE TAKES UP THE REINS OF OFFICE. REPRESENTATION FUNCTIONS WILL, IN FACT, INCREASE SINCE THE AMBASSADOR WILL HAVE TO HOST MANY SMALL QUIET DINNERS IN ORDER TO MEET AND GET TO KNOW HIS DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, TO SAY NOTHING OF THE MANY RECEPTIONS NECESSARY FOR A BROAD SPECTRUM OF THE COMMUNITY TO MEET HIM. MOST OF THIS ACTIVITY WILL OCCUR IN THIS QUARTER.

3. WE ARE SURE THE DEPARTMENT WILL UNDERSTAND OUR SITUATION AND AGREE THAT \$548 (WERE THE AMBASSADOR TO PRE-EMPT IT ALL TO HIMSELF, WHICH OF COURSE HE WON'T) IS HARDLY A PRINCELY SUM (EVEN IN THIS DENOBILIZED LAND) WITH WHICH TO USHER IN THE NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR.

4. REQUEST THEREFORE THAT FIRST HALF APPORTIONMENT BE RAISED FROM \$2500 TO \$3700, (LAST YEAR WE RECEIVED \$3,300) AND INCREASE THE FY-74 ALLOTMENT TO THE REQUESTED FIGURE OF \$7400.
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